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1 - Mr. Callagher
Attention: Mr. Lawn

James H. Lesar, Esq.
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Washington, D. C. 20024

Dear Mr. Lesar:

Please refer to the Deputy Attorney General's letter directed to you dated December 1, 1975, regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Appeal for access to certain materials pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Enclosed herein are copies of the records you have requested which I have been directed to release as the result of the Deputy Attorney General's consideration of your appeal.

In accordance with the Deputy Attorney General's letter, $80 of special search fees are being waived and reproduction costs for the enclosed material amount to $22.10. Please make your check or money order payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

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James H. Lesar, Esq.

NOTE: James H. Lesar is an attorney currently representing James Earl Ray. Lesar requested certain material related to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., dated 4/15/75. We denied the request in its entirety by letter dated 6/27/75. We based our denial on the fact that Ray has a current appeal pending in the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (citing (b)(7)(A) of the FOIA). This denial was coordinated with Division 6. Lesar appealed our denial. U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, interposed a memorandum of objection to the release of this material setting forth its position that the release could have a detrimental effect on the pending trial. This Department of Justice memorandum was considered by the Deputy Attorney General, however, the Deputy Attorney General disagreed with the arguments therein. It is believed that the Civil Rights memorandum clearly enunciates any objection we would have to the release of these documents. Deputy Attorney General, by letter dated 12/1/75, is advising Lesar that the his request will be fully honored.